

# Wirksworth Twinning Association

## January Newsletter 2026

*Happy New Year for 2026!*

*Meilleurs Voeux pour 2026!*

*Besten Wünsche für 2026!*

*Migliori Auguri per il 2026!*

### New Year In Our Partner Towns



In Die people prepare gifts and get together for family meals. The Town Council, knowing that this time of year can increase people's feelings of loneliness, organises a series of events throughout December, culminating in a New Year dinner in their large function room. The different events through December allow people to get together to prepare items for the New Year dinner, such as the menus, decorations and small presents. At the New Year dinner, people can come together for a meal, dancing and giving presents. Everyone can come along during the day and help out with preparing the meal. The meal is free but donations are accepted. What a great idea!

This year in Varallo celebrations began in Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II at half past ten in the evening and continued until 1 am with live music, dancing, hot-chocolate and vin brûlé, roast chestnuts and other food stalls. The outdoor ice-rink, that had been in the square since earlier in December was also functioning throughout the evening. Many Italians meet together in each other's houses for a large celebratory meal before often making their way to the central square to join the celebrations and watch the fireworks. One of the more interesting traditions occurs in Naples where people throw old/broken items out of the windows after midnight. It doesn't matter whether you live on the ground floor or in a fifth floor apartment: if you've got an old fridge or washing machine, it can go through the window. (For some reason, this tradition has been actively discouraged by the city authorities over the last few years!)



A Christmas message from Frankenau. For those who don't speak German, Corinne wishes everyone a Happy and meaningful Christmas and a healthy, peaceful and Happy New Year. They are looking forward already to the Twinning get together in Wirksworth in July.

*Liebe Freunde aus Die und Wirksworth,  
ich möchte euch im Namen der  
Städtepartnerschaft Frankenau  
frohe und besinnliche  
Weihnachtsfeiertage und ein  
gesundes, friedvolles und  
glückliches Jahr 2026 wünschen!  
Wir freuen uns schon sehr,  
dass wir uns im Juli bei unserem  
gemeinsamen  
Städtepartnerschaftstreffen in  
Wirksworth sehen.  
Viele Grüße  
Corinne*



**Our January film - MISERICORDIA**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wirksworth Twinning Association**

in partnership with

**Northern Light Cinema**

presents

**MISERICORDIA**

MISÉRICORDE

A French film with English sub-titles, directed by Alain Guiraudie

A wryly amusing French neo-noir about obvious, slippery people. Jérémie, a former resident of picturesque Saint-Marcial, returns there after the death of his mentor. Everybody wants Jérémie, but before they can admit it, they also want to know: what does Jérémie want with them and why does he choose to stick around after the funeral? Death in a small town raises some uncomfortable questions.



Book at Northern Light Cinema  
<http://tnlcinema.co.uk>

**Monday 12th  
January at 8pm**

&

**Tuesday 13th  
January at 5.30 pm**

From 5.00pm  
social gathering & nibbles



Our next Twinning film will be *Misericordia*, in French with English subtitles. Book tickets on the Northern Light Cinema website: [www.tnlcinema.co.uk](http://www.tnlcinema.co.uk)

Showings are:

8.00pm, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January

5.30pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January (with twinning nibbles from 5:00pm)

Attached to this email is a poster for the film. It would be great if you could print it off and put it up somewhere. Thanks!

**Twinning Visit to Wirksworth**

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



Please let us know, if you haven't already, if you would like to host visitors from our twin towns in July 2026. Even if you're not sure, get in touch if you would like to talk about the possibility of hosting.

Our visitors from Die and Frankenau, along with delegations from Varallo and Cadiar (Spain), will arrive on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and leave on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

## Changes to Membership Fees

The new fees from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 are £15 per annum for an individual or £30 joint / family membership with children under 18.

If you are amongst those who pay by Standing Order, could you please update your standing order to reflect this.

It would be helpful if those of you who make one-off payments rather than paying by Standing Order, could put a note in your diaries to make your payment as early as possible in the New Year.

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Wirksworth Twinning Association  
Account Number: 70224072  
Sort Code: 60-14-15  
Payment Ref: your surname  
Amount: £15 (individual) or £30 (joint / family including children under 18)  
Date: 1 January ((for Standing Orders)

**Wirksworth Christmas Market Stall**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**



Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Christmas market stall and everyone who supported us. We raised a good sum towards our visit in July with facepainting and the tombola.

The name of the Husky dog was guessed by Russell Morgan, with the name "Hannelore".

